

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, prior to the first paragraph which begins on line 2, please insert the following:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, prior to the second paragraph which begins on line 13, please insert the following:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 28, please insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph which begins on page 1, line 28 and ends on line 31, with the following rewritten paragraph:

An object of the present invention is, therefore, to provide a pressure pickup, which overcomes the described problems. The object is achieved, according to the invention, by the pressure pickup ~~as defined in the independent claim 1~~ having a pressure measuring cell and a platform having a first surface and a second surface, wherein through the platform, between the first surface and the second surface a pressure canal extends through which the pressure measuring cell is loadable with the process pressure by means of a transmitting medium, wherein the pressure canal has a flame penetration barrier. The pressure canal includes a first section in which the flame penetration barrier is arranged, and a second section which has a bore in which a fill-body is arranged, wherein the second section does not satisfy the requirements for a flame penetration barrier.

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On page 3, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 1, please insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 3, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 11, please insert the following:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS